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Darrin Mortenson

"A 'Small War' That Wasn't: How U.S. Marines Tripped into the First Battle of Fallujah"

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Mershon Center for International Security Studies
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Darrin Mortenson is a visiting scholar in journalism at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. He is an award-winning military reporter who has covered the war in Iraq since early 2003 and is working on a book about the U.S. Marines' experience in Iraq through 2005.

Before his appointment at the Mershon Center, Mortenson was a fellow at OSU's Kiplinger Program for Public Affairs Journalism, where he coached journalism students and spoke throughout the university community on the war and journalism. One of the original "embedded" journalists during the invasion, Mortenson has returned to Kuwait and Iraq to cover U.S. forces during the first siege of Fallujah in 2004 and again in the Shiite cities of Karbala, Kufa and Najaf in 2005.

In addition to filing more than 150 dispatches from Iraq and Kuwait while reporting for the San Diego region's *North County Times*, Mortenson has filed combat reports for *Time Magazine*, ABC's *World News Tonight* and *Nightline*, and is co-author of *A Thousand Miles to Baghdad*, a 2003 book about the invasion of Iraq. His work has been featured in the Poynter Institute's annual *Best Newspaper Writing* book series, and has been profiled numerous times by *Editor & Publisher Magazine*.

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